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TITLE: ANNULAR-GAP SEAL FOR A VALVE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.